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APPLICANT: Shibuya et al.

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FOR: NOVEL AMIDE COMPOUNDS AND MEDICATIONS CONTAINING  
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Sir:

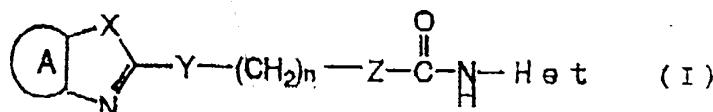
### AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated March 4, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

### IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 9-13 and 15-18 such that they read as follows:

9. Compounds represented by the formula (I)



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, pyridine, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group: